Dear Dr. Math,

I need help to solve a mystery! My friend and I were baking muffins for a bake sale. We had made 48 muffins. While more muffins were baking in the oven, my friend and I took a break and went outside. When we came back inside there were 17 empty muffin liners. Somebody ate them while we were out. Then we took the 24 muffins out of the oven that were baking. How many muffins do we have now?

Sincerely,

Mystified in Monroe